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Irst, whether any Parson, Vicar, or Curate, be resident continually vppon his benefice, doyng his duetie in preaching, readyng, & duely ministring the holye Sacramentes. 1 Residencie.

Item, whether in their Churches and Chappels, all Images, Shrynes, all Tables, Candelsticks, Trindelles, or roles of ware, pictures, paynting, and all other monumentes of fayned and false miracles, pylgrimages, Idolatrie, and superstition, be remoued, abolished, and destroyed. 2 False miracles.

Item, whether they do not euery Holy day when they haue no Sermon, immediatly after the Gospell, openly, playnely, and distinctly, recite to their parishioners in the Pulpit, the Lordes prayer, the beliefe, and the ten Commaundementes in Englishe. 3 Lordes prayer.

Item, whether they do charge fathers and mothers, maisters, and gouernours of youth, to bryng them vp in some vertuous studye and occupation. 4 To bryng vp youth.

Curates. 5 Item, whether suche beneficed men as be lawfully absent from their benefices, do leaue their cures to a rude and vnlearned Parson, and not to an honest wel learned and expert Curate, whiche can and wyll teache you holsome doctrine.

Readyng the scriptures. 6 Item, whether they do discourage any person from reading of any part of the Bible, eyther in Latin or Englishe, and do not rather comfort and exhort euery person to reade the same at conuenient tymes, as the very lyuely worde of God, and the speciall foode of mans soule.

Tauernes and games. 7 Item, whether Parsons, Vicars, Curates and other ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Tauernes or Alehouses, geuing themselues to drynkyng, rioting, and playing at vnlawful games, and do not occupie themselues in the reading or hearing of some part of holy scripture, or in some other godly exercise.

Preachers. 8 Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preache in their cures, not beyng lawfully licenced thereunto, or haue ben licenced accordyngly.

Superstitiō 9 Item, whether they vse to declare to their parishioners any thing to the extollyng or setting foorth of vayne and superstitious religion, pilgrimages, reliques, or images, or lyghtyng

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of candels, kyssyng, kneelyng, or decking of the same images.

Item, whether they haue one booke or regiſter kept, wherein they wryte the day of euery wedding, christening, and burying. 10 Regiſter.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Queenes Maieſtie, and miniſters, and to charitie and loue one to another. 11 Obedience.

Item, whether they haue admoniſhed their pariſhioners, that they ought not to preſume to receaue the Sacrament of the body and blood of Chriſte, before they can say perfectly the Lordes prayer, the articles of the fayth, and the ten commaundementes in Engliſhe. 12 The Sacrament.

Item, whether they be reſident vppon their benefices, and kepe hoſpitalitie, or no. And yf they be ablent and kepe no hoſpitalitie, whether they do relieue their pariſhioners, and what they geue them. 13 Hoſpitalitie

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parſons, Vicars, and Clarkes, hauing Churches, Chappels, and Manſions, do kepe their Chauncels, Rectories, Vicarages, and all other houſes appertayning to them, in due reparations. 14 Reparations.

Item, whether they do counſayle or moue their pariſhioners rather to pray in a tongue not knowen, then in Engliſhe, or put their 15 Prayer in Engliſhe.

Beades. trust in any certayne number of prayers, as in saying ouer a number of Beades, or other lyke.

16 Item, whether they haue receaued any per-
Diffamed persons. sons to the Communion, beyng openly knowen to be out of charitie with their neighbours, or diffamed with any notorious cryme, and not reformed.

17 Item, whether they haue prouided and haue
Poore mens bore. a strong Chest for the poore mens bore, and set and fastened the same in a place of the Churche most conuenient.

18 Item, whether they haue diligently called vp-
Testamentes. pon, exhorted, and moued their parishioners, and especially when they make their testamentes, to geue to the saide poore mens bore, and to bestow that vpon the poore, whiche they were wont to bestowe vpon pylgrimages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other lyke blynde deuotions.

19 Item, whether they haue denyed to visite the
Sicke. sicke, or burye the dead, beyng brought to the
Buriall. Churche.

20 Item, whether they haue bought their bene-
Symonie. fices, or come to them by fraude, guyle, deceipt, or symonie.

21 Item, whether they haue geuen open moni-
Adulterers. tion to their parishioners, to detect and present

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to their Ordinarie, all adulterers, and fornicatours, and such men as haue two wyues liuing, within their parishes.

Item, whether they haue monished their parishioners openly, that they shoulde not sell, geue, nor otherwyse alienate any of their Churche goodes. 22 Churche goodes.

Item, whether they or any of them do keepe mo benefices and other Ecclesiasticall promotions, then they ought to do, not hauing sufficient licences and dispensations thereunto, and howe many they be, and their names. 23 Many benefices.

Item, whether they minister the holy Communion any other wyse then onlye after suche fourme and maner as it is set foorth by the common aucthoritie of the Queenes Maiestie and the Parliament. 24 Communiõ

Item, whether you knowe any person within your parishe, or els where, that is a letter of the worde of God to be read in Englishe, or sincerely preached in place and times conuenient. 25 Letters of the worde or preaching

Item, whether in the tyme of the Letanie, or any other common prayer, in the tyme of the Sermon or Homyly, and when the Priest readeth the scriptures to the parishioners, any person haue departed out of the Churche, without iuste and necessarie cause, or disturbe the 26 Goers out of the Churche,

Minister otherwyse.

27 Churche money. Item, whether the money commyng and ryſing of any cattell or other moueable ſtockes of the Church, and money geuen and bequeathed to the finding of torches, lightes, tapers, or lampes, not payde out of any landes, haue not ben employed to the poore mens cheſte.

28 Kepers of the Church money. Item, who hath the ſayde ſtockes and money in their handes, and what be their names.

29 Contempt of Prieſte. Item, whether any indiſcrete perſon do vncharitably contempne and abuſe Prieſtes & Miniſters of the Churche.

30 The kinges Grammer. Item, whether there be any other Grammer taught in any ſchoole within this Dioceſſe, then that which is ſet forth by the auctoritie of king Henry the eyght.

31 The tyme of ſeruice. Item, whether the ſeruice of the Churche be done at due and conuenient houres.

32 Talkers in the Church. Item, whether any haue vſed to commune, iangle, and talke in the Churche in the tyme of the prayer, readyng of the Homilye, preachyng, readyng, or declaring of the Scripture.

33 Hereſies. Item, whether any haue wylfully mayntayned and defended any hereſies, errours, or falſe opinions, contrary to the fayth of Chriſte and holy Scripture.

Item,

Item, whether any be common drunkardes, swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God. 34 Drunkards.

Item, whether any haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, or be common bawdes, or receauers of such euyl persons, or behemently suspected of any of the premisses. 35 Adulterers.

Item, whether any be brawlers, saunderers, chyders, scolders, and sowers of discord betweene person and another. 36 Brawlers.

Item, whether you knowe any that do vse charmes, sorcerie, enchauntmentes, inuocations, circles, witchcraftes, soothsaying, or any lyke craftes or imaginations inuented by the deuyll. and specially in the tyme of womens trauayle. 37 Sorcerers.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpittes, and other necessaries appertaynyng to the same, be sufficiently repaired, and yf they be not, in whose default the same is. 38 Pulpittes.

Item, whether you knowe any, that in contempt of their owne parishe Churche, do resorte to any other Churche. 39 Resorters to other Churches.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehousekepers, do vse commonly to sel meate and drinke in the tyme of common prayer, preachyng, readyng of the Homilies or Scripture. 40 Inholders.

41 Item, whether you knowe any to be marryed
Deuorse. within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of God, or that be separated or deuorsed without the degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whether any suche haue married agayne.

42 Item, whether you knowe any to haue made
Priuie contractes. priuie contractes of Matrimonie, not callyng two or mo witnesses therunto, nor hauing therto the consent of theyr parentes.

43 Item, whether they haue marryed solemnly,
Banes. the banes not first lawfully asked.

44 Item, whether you knowe any Executours, or
Executours administratours of dead mens goodes, which do not duely bestowe such of the sayde goodes as were geuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to be distributed among the poore people, repayryng of hygh wayes, fyndyng of poore scollers, or maryng of poore maydens, or such other lyke charitable deedes.

45 Item, whether you knowe any that kepe in
Images. theyr houses vndefaced any Images, Tables, pyctures, payntynges, or other monumentes of fained and false miracles, pilgrimages, idolatrie, and superstition, and do adore them, and specially suche as haue ben set vp in Churches, Chappelles, or Oratories.

46 Item, what bookes of Gods Scripture you
Bookes. haue

haue delyuered to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed, and to whom ye haue deliuered the same.

Item, what bribes the accusers, promoters, persecuters, Ecclesiasticall iudges, and other the Commissioners appoynted within the seuerall Diocesse of this Realme, haue receaued by them selues or other, of those persons which were in trouble, apprehended, or imprisoned for religion. 47 Bribes.

Item, what goodes moueable, landes, fees, offices, or promotions, hath ben wrongfully taken away in the time of Queene Maries raigne, from any person whiche fauoured the religion nowe set foorth. 48 Losse of goodes.

Item, howe many persons for religion haue dyed by fyre, famine, or otherwyse, or haue ben imprysoned for the same. 49 How many burnt.

Item, that you make a true presentment of the number of all the persons whiche dyed within your parishes, sithen the feast of Saint John the Baptist, which was in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande fiue hundred fiftie and eyght, vnto the same feast last past: making therein a playne distinct declaration, howe manye men, women, and men chyldren the same were, and the names of the men. 50 Certificate of the dead.

Item whether you knowe any man in your 51 Secrete

 paryshe Malles.

parishe, secretely or in vnlawfull conuenticles, say or heare Masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the lawe.

52 False rumours. Item, whether you knowe any person in your paryshe to be a slaunderer of his neyghbours, or a sower of discorde betweene partie and partie, man and wyfe, parentes and theyr chyldren, or that hath inuented, bruited, or set foorth any rumours, false and seditious tales, slaunders: or makers, bringers, byers, sellers, kepers, or conueyers of any vnlawfull bookes, whiche myght stirre or prouoke sedition, or mayntayne superstitious seruice within this Realme, or any aydours, counsaylours, procurers, or mayntayners therevnto. Vnlawfull bookes.

53 Patron. Tithes. Vacation. Item, whether the Churche of your paryshe be nowe vacant or no, who is the Patrone therof, howe long it haue ben vacant. who doth receaue the tythes, oblations, and other commodities during the time of the vacation, and by what auctoritie: and in what estate the sayde Church is at this tyme, and howe long the Parson or Vicar hath had that Benefice.

54 Minstrelles. Item, whether any Minstrelles, or any other persons do vse to syng or say any songues or dyttes that be byle or vncleane, and especially in derision of any godly order nowe set foorth and established.

Item,

Item, whether the Letanie in Englishe, with the Epistle & Gospel, which was by the Queenes highnesse Proclamation wylled to be read to the people were put in vse in your Churches, and if not, who were the letters thereof. 55 Letanie in Englishe.

Item, whether the Curates and Ministers do leysurely, playnely, and distinctly, reade the publique Prayers, Chapters, and Homilies, as they ought to do. 56 Distinct readyng.

*God saue the Queene.*

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